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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE HAVE CONTINUING NEED FOR UP TO DATE LISTINGS OF PERSONNEL, DEPENDENTS AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE. PERHAPS TOM COULD HELP US OUT ON THIS. ANYTHING HE CAN GIVE US SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO ME.

2. FOLLOWING WAS POSTED AT JULY 29 PRESS BRIEFING:

QUESTION: HAVE THE TESTS RUN UP TO THIS POINT INCLUDED AN EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE OR KNOWN BIRTH DEFECTS AMONG MOSCOW EMBASSY EMPLOYEES?

ANSWER: THE REVIEW OF MORE THAN 400 MEDICAL RECORDS CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1965 INCLUDED ALL OF THE MEDICAL EVIDENCE CONTAINED IN ANY ONE EMPLOYEE'S OR DEPENDENT'S PERSONAL MEDICAL FILE, INCLUDING ANY INFORMATION ON BIRTH DEFECTS OR ANY OTHER CONGENITAL ABNORMALITIES OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WAS AWARE.

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QUESTION: WAS THERE SOME OTHER KIND OF SOVIET MICROWAVE TRANSMISSION AT THE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW THAT BEGAN IN 1953?

ANSWER: AS WE SAID YESTERDAY, TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE SOVIET MICROWAVE TRANSMISSIONS, AS WE KNOW THEM, WERE FOUND AND VERIFIED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1962 AND AUGUST 1963.

3. AMBASSADOR DOES NOT PLAN TO VISIT KIEV AS ROBIN SEEMED TO THINK HE WOULD. ASSUME ROBIN WILL GO DOWN AND TURN OVER PLANS.

4. THE CABLE REFERRED TO IN YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAM TURNED UP THIS MORNING, AND IT TURNED OUT TO HAVE ARRIVED IN THE DEPT AT 1:15 P.M. YESTERDAY. A REPLY, WHICH LOOKED COMPREHENSIVE TO US, IS ON ITS WAY, THE AMBASSADOR HAS A COPY AND IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROBLEM SATURDAY.

5. BOB AND I HAVE BOTH RAISED NINA'S VISIT TO MGIMO WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE. SHE IS ON HER WAY TOMORROW. WE HAD A LONG MEETING WITH FSI TODAY ON RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING AND FOUND THEM IN A VERY DEFENSIVE MOOD. AMBASSADOR WILL TELL YOU OF HIS CONVERSATION WITH GEORGE SPRINGSTEEN, WHICH MAY HELP.

6. YOU WERE CORRECT IN YOUR SUSPICION THAT OPPOSITION FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DEPT HAS BOGGED DOWN A REPLY TO YOUR 10580 AND 11447 ON THE MINI COMPUTER. EUR/EX WAS CONSIDERING YOUR TECHNICAL JUSTIFICATION (YOUR 10580) WHEN A NEVER-BEFORE-HEARD-OF GROUP CALLED THE "COMPUTER COMMITTEE", BALKING AT ISO'S WORLDWIDE MINI COMPUTER PROPOSAL, ASKED ALSO TO REVIEW YOUR JUSTIFICATION. BOB BARRY DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH AMB. STOESEL AND JOAN CLARK TODAY. JOAN PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND EXPEDITE A DECISION.

7. SENATOR HASKELL'S OFFICE HAS NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY'S DELIVERING LETTER FROM SENATOR TO MINISTER YELYUTIN IN RE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE INCLUDING YELYUTIN'S FULL NAME, CORRECT SPELLING, AND MAKING COPY FOR FILES.
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8. RE PRESENCE IN SYRIA REPORTED YOUR 12018, RESTRICTED INFORMATION REPORTS HE WAS IN THE CITY ON JULY 24-25. (DO NOT REFER TO THIS INFO) BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE ON JULY 25, HOWEVER, REPORTS PRESENCE OF UNNAMED SOVIET DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AT DINNER FOR PALESTINIAN DELEGATION TO DAMASCUS TALKS. FIRM INFORMATION ON ROLE OF SOVIETS IN PALESTINIAN-SYRIAN TALKS IS NOT YET AVAILABLE.

9. ASSUME AMBASSADOR WILL BE SEEING KORNIYENKO EARLY ON TO DELIVER REPLIST. WE HAVE IN MIND FOR HIM ALSO TO GIVE KORNIYENKO A NOTE PROTESTING SOVIET FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO THE ONE-THIRD PROVISION OF THE MARITIME AGREEMENT. HOPE TO GET THE CABLE OUT TOMORROW.

10. IN ADDITION TO THE MEDVEDEV PROTEST (WHICH IS INTENDED IN PART AS A RETORT TO THE BELOUSOVICH PROTEST), REPORTED SEPARATELY, I TODAY BEARDED VORONTSOV ABOUT SOVIET VIOLATIONS OF CONDITIONS FOR CONGEN NEW YORK. HE OFFERED NO DEFENSE, BUT DID SAY THAT MYSHKOV IS ON HIS WAY BACK TO MOSCOW AND KIEV, WHERE HE WILL TRY TO HELP MOVE THINGS ALONG. WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE LEBEDEV INSTITUTE PROBLEM. HE BROUGHT UP THE CHANCERY PROBLEM, WHICH WE WILL REPORT ON NEXT WEEK. KISSINGER

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